



**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Support**

The UK training side of **Wilderness Expertise** is a **non-profit making** organisation dedicated to the personal development of young people. We have purposely remained specialised as a company so that we can maintain strong relationships with our clients and guarantee high quality programmes.



<b>Introduction:</b>	The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award aims to provide an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development for young people, which is of the highest quality and the widest reach. The progressive nature of the Award and its balance and flexibility all provide a perfect platform from which young people can develop valuable life skills such as communication, working with a team, self-confidence, self belief and a sense of responsibility. There are three levels of the Award scheme, and each of these requires a number of criteria to be met including a Service, Skills, Expedition and Physical Recreation phase. The Gold Award also requires a Residential programme.
<b>What we offer:</b>	Wilderness Expertise works closely with a number of schools and organisations to co-ordinate their Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme. As the pressures on teachers and youth workers continue to mount, extra curricular activities can become an increasing burden. We provide a flexible support service to enable schools and organisations to offer the Award. We are one of only nine providers nationwide that have been selected to participate in the pilot of the new Approved Activity Providers Licensing Scheme which means you can be confident that the support we provide is high quality, up to date and approved by the Award scheme.
<b>Activity Description:</b>	All aspects of the expedition section training and expedition coordination Expeditions can be on foot, canoe or Mountain Bike.
<b>Number of days:</b>	Dependant on level of support required but as a guide at Bronze level a minimum of 1 or 2 training weekends, a 2-day practice expedition and a 2-day assessment expedition.
<b>Venue:</b>	Either at the client’s premises or offsite at a suitable venue such as an activity site, campsite or local park or sports ground. Expeditions can be held anywhere in the UK or overseas suitable to the level of the Award.
<b>Role of Adult Liaison:</b>	To provide support and pastoral care of the students during the programme and Expeditions and provide transport for the students if required. Dependant on level of support, you will also be required to coordinate the administration of the Award at the school or organisation.
<b>What does Wilderness Expertise provide?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fully qualified and experienced Mountain Leader (summer) assessed trainers.</li> <li>➤ Equipment hire (if required).</li> <li>➤ Pre-course information and all risk assessments for activities and venues.</li> <li>➤ Venues fees (if required).</li> <li>➤ 24hr back up support.</li> <li>➤ Liability insurance.</li> <li>➤ AALA license.</li> </ul>
<b>Sample cost:</b>	£30 - £35 per student per day (see detailed cost below)



### Sample Gold level programme and cost

The following programme will usually compliment the school's or organisation's weekly training programme. The dates are flexible to fit in with the school's and the student's commitments and assume the expeditions will be based in the UK.

What	When
2 day training weekend	October half term
Practice expedition (4 days, 3 nights)	During Easter break
Assessment expedition (4 days, 3 nights)	Last week of summer term (or during summer break)

**Sample Cost for above:** Depending on venues, the cost for the above package will cost £325 per student. This will include all trainer and supervisor's fees and expenses, coordination of expeditions on the ground, access to our 24 hour on-call support system, AALA license, insurance, route outlines and risk assessments, administration and our expertise in running such programmes.

### Optional Extras

We can provide training and support to your support for the following:

- MLUK Mountain Leader training
- Basic Expedition Leader for staff and post Gold Award students
- OCR offsite safety certificate
- First Aid training for school staff

### Trainer only support

This service is designed to support schools and organisations who wish to keep the organisation of the Award in-house as much as possible but just require additional qualified and experienced staff to help with the weekends and expeditions. The cost for this service is £150 per trainer per day (plus their expenses).

**Wilderness Expertise believes in developing potential.  
We look forward to working with you in the near future...**